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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 November 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 13, 14 and 16-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13, 14 and 16-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/S5108)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in response to the Election/Restriction reply filed on 11/17/2008. Applicant elects invention 1 (claims 13, 14, 16-19) without traverse. Therefore, claims 13, 14, 16-19 are presented for examination.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 13 is objected to because of the following informalities:

The word "NACK" should be spelled out.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 13, 14, 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Earl, US pat. No.6,721,907.

As to claim 13, Earl discloses a method of sending packets to a multiplicity of subscribers in a multicast subscription system via a network, the method comprising:

monitoring an activity at a NACK server for recent receipt of NACKs and responsive to not recently receiving NACKs at said NACK server, disturbing a flow of data between a packet sender and said multiplicity of subscribers over said network by creating a NACK generation incident (detecting if a data packet was dropped and reprocessing data packet for re-transmissions, see figs.3A-3F, col.14 line 12 to col.15 line 46).

As to claim 14, Earl discloses said monitoring includes determining whether or not there are attentive subscribers from said activity at said NACK server (see col.15 line 8 to col.16 line 14).

As to claim 16, Earl discloses said disturbing NACK generation incident comprises altering sent and pending queues (see col.15 line 8 to col.16 line 14).

As to claim 17, Earl discloses said disturbing NACK generation incident comprises placing a packet that was never transmitted in a sent queue (see col.10 line 27 to col.11 line 36).

As to claim 18, Earl discloses said disturbing NACK generation incident comprises altering a packet sequence number (see col.14 lines 1-48).

As to claim 19, Earl discloses said disturbing NACK generation incident comprises incrementing a packet sequence number relative to a sequence of packets that actually need to be sent (see col.13 line 21 to col.14 line 48 and col.15 lines 9-45).

Other prior art cited

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.
- a. Zuk et al, US pub. No.2003/0154399.
 - b. Harrell et al, US pub. No.2003/0067872.
 - c. McEachern et al, US pat. No.7,234,000.

Conclusion

6. Claims 13, 14, 16-19 are rejected.
7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khanh Dinh whose telephone number is (571) 272-3936. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.m. to 5:00 P.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, FOLLANSBEE JOHN, can be reached on (571) 272-3964. The fax phone number for this group is (571) 273-8300.

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